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Applicants elect Group I for further prosecution in this application. Applicants make this election without prejudice to its rights to further prosecute claims to the invention of Group II in subsequent or concurrent proceedings.

Applicants further make this election with traverse. The application and claims relate to a single inventive concept, that is, providing a novel system enabling the identification, for example, of changes in chromosomal DNA through multicolor representation at the band level. The claims to both the method and the kit recite the use of at least two different sets of detector molecules as defined in the specification. Compare, e.g., claim 1 (method) with claim 15 (diagnostic kit). Because of this, it is not apparent that the diagnostic kit could validly be used to effect nucleic acid amplification. The kit, as claimed, is intended to allow a user to carry out the method of the invention, and thus embodies the same novel inventive concept. The restriction requirement is therefore traversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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